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## ACRONYMS

AMJOLU	Young Women Fighters Association
ANSNIC	Nicaraguan Deaf Peoples' Association
APRODER	Association for Promotion and Rural Development
ARC	Appreciative Review of Capacity
ASODEL	Association for Local Survival and Development
BICU	Bluefields, Indian and Caribbean University
CAPS	Potable Water and Sanitation Committees
CDM	Municipal Development Committee
CEIMM	Center for Studies and Investigations on Multiethnic Woman
CEPS	Center for Social Research and Development
CIG	Interagency Gender Commission
CISAS	Center for Healthcare Assessment and Information
CSO	Civil Society Organization
FADCANIC	Foundation for Autonomy and Development of the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua
FECONORI	Federation of Organizations of Persons with Disabilities
FUMSAMI	San Miguelitos' Women Foundation
ICCO	Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation
IEEPP	Strategic Studies and Public Policies Institute
INATEC	National Technical Institute
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual
MDS RACCS	Sexual Diversity Movement Southern Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region
MEFCCA	Department of Family, Community, Cooperative, and Organizational Economies
MGP	Municipal Governance Program
MINED	Ministry of Education
MINSA	Nicaraguan Department of Health
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NTON	Nicaraguan Obligatory Accessibility Standards
OCD	Organizational Capacity Development
PGR	General Budget of the Republic
PROFAMILA	Association for the Well-Being of Nicaraguan Families
PwD	Person with Disabilities
RACCS	Southern Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region
RACCN	Northern Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region
REJUB	Bluefields Network of Young Entrepreneurs
TRANSMUNI	Municipal Transfer System
TROCAIRE	Irish Catholic Church Aid
UCA	Central American University
URACCAN	University of the Autonomous Regions of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast

## I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The goal of the Municipal Governance Program (MGP) is to strengthen citizen participation and the capacity of civil society organizations to engage and influence key decision makers in order to improve local governance. Under this vision, citizen participation and civic advocacy efforts are tied to achieving short-term tangible improvements in the lives of target citizenry. While there was a slowdown of several citizen participation activities this quarter as the MGP finalized the process of granting new awards to Civil Society Organizations, many grants that remained opened such as FECONORI, AMOJLU/MDS and Afro Women's Association continued with activities. Organizations such as APRODER, BICU/COMAJ, and FUMSAMI, all of whose grants closed in December, continued with activities that strengthened their organization for future participation in municipal advocacy actions, demonstrating their capability to function after the MGP closes. Earmarked funds for both Fiscal Transparency and Climate Change saw encouraging advances this quarter as both programs are scheduled to close in September 2016, although climate change activities will continue with normal MGP funding. Summarized accomplishments from the quarter include:

### **Citizen Participation**

**2015 Municipal Budget oversight:** Partner organizations reported that 93% of the projects they advocated for were included in the 2016 municipal budgets (121 of 130) and officially registered in the TRANSMUNI as reported in June 2016. Of the 121 projects, 55 (45%) are in the implementation phase. In financial terms, this represents 31% of the total amount budgeted for these projects or \$698,336 of the \$2,260,567.

**Social Audits:** Members of the Disabled Persons Organizations in Bluefields and Corn Island saw significant advances in monitoring the implementation of public funds. The Board of Directors of FECONORI in Bluefields has verified that the municipality has indeed constructed ramps at a Health Center and access roads to the houses of Persons with Disabilities living in the area. In Corn Island, the municipality has invested in providing supplies that PwD had requested in the budget.

**Municipal Council Sessions and other Advocacy activities:** The Afro Women's Association presented their priorities – access to quality education, visibility of Afro-descendent women in census data and national statistics, and access to natural and economic resources – to the regional council and three municipalities with the RACCS. They have formed a committee to continue monitoring their requests and meet with the regional council and municipal authorities on a periodic basis. Members of the LGBTI community met with the Municipal Council in Bluefields and Rama, where they presented a short video to the council members on sexual diversity and human rights, demonstrating their progress while also the limitations they face in accessing citizens' rights.

### **Awareness Activities:**

**Campaigns:** Two organizations developed and launched awareness campaigns this quarter. Members of the LGBTI community of Bluefields and Rama met with local journalists to discuss the existence of a strong homophobia in their respective municipalities. The journalist expressed their willingness to use their outreach to sensitize the population. Additionally The Red Afro Women's Association also launched an awareness campaign using television and radio focusing on Justice and Development for Afro descendants.

### **Workshops/Roundtables:**

- The RACCS Youth Roundtable met twice this quarter to analyze the results of the assessment on youth training needs of member organizations, validate the Memorandum of Understanding that will be signed by each member organization ratifying their commitments to the youth in the region. BICU and URACCAN also presented their project to develop a common research agenda and knowledge management focused on youth.
- At the request of members of FECONORI in Pearl Lagoon, the MGP facilitated another workshop on Law 763 to provide additional information on the law and further understanding.
- FECONORI facilitated a workshop for 10 Corn Island municipal officials to ensure that new construction take into account standards regarding accessibility for PwD since the municipality's 2016 investment plan includes various infrastructure projects.

**Inclusion of local journalists:** In order to promote citizen participation among local journalists so that they can help to educate and sensitize the public on a "Culture of Peace", the MGP partnered with INL/FADCANIC and UNIVISION journalist Tiffany Roberts to facilitate a roundtable discussion on "Journalism for a culture of peace". Members of the CoMAJ also presented their experience in the use of social communication from the use of new technologies combined with traditional forms of social mobilization.

**Organizational Strengthening:** This quarter the MGP held workshops on Communications Campaigns with 15 partner organizations that focused on using lessons learned from the CSOs' previous experience preparing campaigns to improve their capability to design and implement a successful campaign. In workshops on Gender Mainstreaming, members of DPOs focused on self-confidence and awareness, understanding of international and Nicaraguan legal framework for women's rights, and communication and presentation skills. Additionally the MGP supported the four CoMAJ in the preparation of the 3-year strategic plan, continued civic education training for the FECONORI local chapters and helped create an alliance with other donor organizations to promote social auditing best practices in the different regions of Nicaragua.

### **Fiscal Transparency**

MGP local partner IEEPP strengthened the capacities of ten CSOs to provide advocacy in the national and municipal public budgeting process. To date, 20 CSOs have learned different means to support outreach activities with key stakeholders through the creation and dissemination of the website Open Municipal Budgets. IEEPP also held various activities to promote the use of civic apps and infographics to raise awareness about social issues and promote the use of Information Technology by young people with the goal of increasing access to information across the population. They also reformed Law 550 in order to request reports of the Nicaraguan General Budget at the mid-point of the year on budget execution.

Finally they presented the analysis of “The Venezuelan Oil Supply: A Contingent Liability Analysis” to 10 officials who demonstrated interest in the study and its findings.

### **Climate Change**

Through a participatory process taking into account recommendations from journalists, students, members of civil society in Bluefields and Pearl Lagoon, the MGP completed the design of the climate change campaign. Parts of the campaign were showcased at the Bluefields’ annual fair, Mayo Ya and further promoted via the Radio Program Onda Local, which specializes in covering issues related to the municipalities. The program showed how the Bluefields communities have become aware of the need to adapt to climate change.

Additionally the MGP successfully advanced in community training sessions on climate change adaptation, focusing on nutrition and energy efficiency, food self-sufficiency, water, sanitation and hygiene and civic education. As part of the elaboration of the Bluefields municipal adaption plan, Centro Humboldt conducted a bio-physical study of municipality’s vulnerabilities, which yielded concerning results including the misuse of land, exploitation of fishery resources without control, and significant environmental impact from the new highway construction. Next quarter these findings will be shared with the communities in order to provide additional knowledge as they move forward with their plans. This quarter, 24 post graduate students participating in BICU’s sponsored research projects initiated their investigations on assessing vulnerability and investigating the marine ecosystems.

MGP partner blueEnergy completed the Pearl Lagoon Community Climate Change Adaptation Plan and initiated the community plan for Pueblo Nuevo with a goal to have both completed before the municipal budget consultation period in order to advocate for municipal financing for projects within the plans. MGP and Centro Humboldt also advanced on the Corn Island Municipal Adaptation Plan. The strategy of working with the communal government has paid off as MGP has secured a broad, representative participation from economic and social sectors, including the Municipal Government and officials from other state institutions as well as local CSOs, and small business owners from the tourism and fishery sectors.

Community members have continued to demonstrate their appropriation to climate change plans, demonstrating their increased resiliency to the effects of climate change. Community leaders have actively participated in Civil Society and government sponsored forums in which they presented their experience in the participatory preparation of the plans, the benefits to the social cohesion and citizen action to improve the community’s vulnerability.

## II. PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Citizen Participation

#### 2.1 Advances in the implementation of projects included in 2016 municipal budgets

121 of the 130 projects proposed by partner organizations and included in 2016 municipal budgets were officially registered in the Transmuni system as of June 27, 2016. Of these, funding has been dispersed for the implementation of 55 of the projects reported in the system at an estimated cost of USD \$698,336. The disbursements currently represent 31% of the total funding allocated to the 121 projects (approximately of USD \$2,260,567 total).

**Table # 1: Advances in the implementation of projects included in 2016 municipal budgets according to Transmuni data as of June 27, 2016**

#	Organization	Municipality	% of Total Municipal Financing Implemented according to Transmuni (06/27/16)	# of Projects Included as Result of Partner Organizations Advocacy	# of Projects Included in 2016 Municipal Budgets according to Transmuni (06/27/16)	# of Projects Included Showing Physical and Financial Implementation according to Transmuni (06/27/16)	Total Budget	Budget Implemented according to Transmuni (06/27/16)
1	APRODER/CDM	Muelle de los Bueyes	43.63%	30	28	9	14,393,742.34	3,967,588.48
2		San Pedro de Lovago	30.91%	50	50	18	12,217,388.50	358,721.89
3		Santo Domingo	40.54%	38	35	23	34,785,199.82	14,911,805.44
4	BICU/CoMAJ	Bluefields	20.62%	4	3	3	1,650,000.00	449,013.00
5		Corn Island	35.69%	1	1	0	0	0
6		Laguna de Perlas	16.16%	3	3	2	1,600,000.00	287,182.00
7		El Rama	31.99%	2	0	0	0	0
8	FUMSAMI/Redes Ciudadanas	San Miguelito	60.62%	1	1	0	12,000.00	0.00
9		El Almendro	62.52%	1	0	0	0.00	0.00
TOTAL				130	121	55	64,658,330.66	19,974,310.81
% of projects included and % of budget execution				93.08%		45.45%	30.89%	
				Dollar exchange 27/06/16			USD	USD
				28.6027			2,260,567.38	698,336.55

#### 2.2 Partner organizations are becoming more sustainable

In June, APRODER, BICU, and FUMSAMI began implementing new projects after they were selected through a public call-for-proposals. While the three organizations had completed earlier projects in December 2015 they continued to provide support to and maintain open lines of communication with the local organizations they assist between January and May, demonstrating that the initiatives implemented by target groups are becoming more sustainable.

For example, the Municipal Youth and Adolescent Committees (CoMAJ), with support from BICU, elected representatives for their boards of directors, revised and updated their action plans, maintained press and social media presence, and brought in new members during the period between projects. The Citizens' Networks supported by FUMSAMI continued providing transportation to women with cancer to the Ortiz Gurdian Foundation in order to ensure that the San Miguelito municipal council would continue reimbursing gasoline expenditures for these trips. Citizens' Network members also participated in municipal

council sessions and budget transparency forums, and supported women from rural areas in making claims for child support.

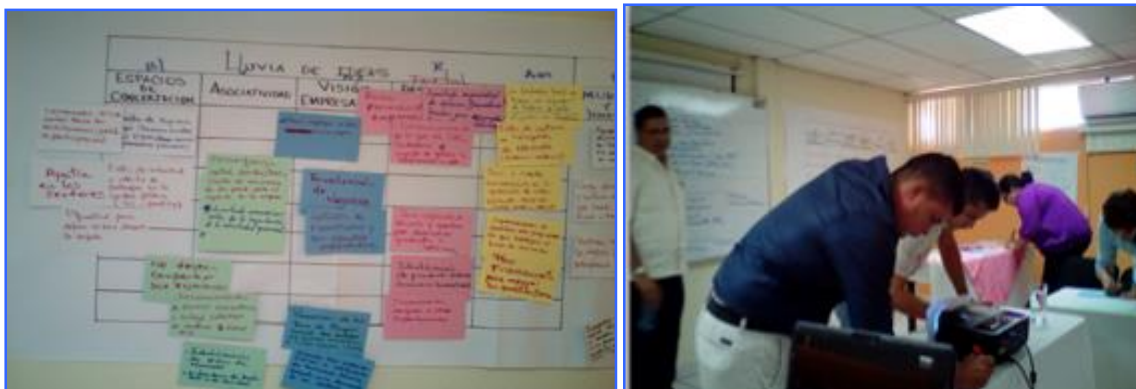
APRODER continued working with the board of directors of the Muelle de los Bueyes CDM to secure approximately USD 1,740 in municipal funds to implement CDM-specific activities, such as board of director meetings and visits to communities. APRODER also financed community visits by members of the CDM to oversee the financial implementation of projects managed by the communities (including road construction) and to participate in the distribution of the 2016 Social Fund in Santo Domingo.

The MGP recognizes that these activities were made possible by the extraordinary social commitment of the technical staff of these organizations, who are recognized as leaders and activists in their respective regions.

### *2.3 Advances in local economic development initiatives*

After the selection of qualifying local economic development projects through a public call-for-proposals, the MGP is facilitating strategic partnerships between national and local civil society organizations that presented proposals.

For example, APRODER and the Nicaraguan Institute for Development (INDE, Sp.) will work to create new spaces for dialogue and joint efforts to spur local economic development in San Pedro Lóvago and Muelle de los Bueyes and to strengthen organizations in the livestock and tourism sectors, with a focus on the increased participation of women and young people.



*Workshop to develop the INDE APRODER project. June 23 and 24, Managua*

BICU and FADCANIC have also developed a partnership to encourage economic development in the South Caribbean Coast by creating space for dialogue among economic actors from different economic sectors and identifying priority economic and human development issues. The MGP plans to present both initiatives to USAID in mid-July 2016. Implementation is expected to begin in August 2016 and continue for 12 months.



## 2.4 Technical assistance provided to farming cooperatives in the RACCS

Local economic development requires an active, motivated, and organized citizen base that can effectively advocate for projects to improve the quality of life in local communities. As such, the MGP is providing technical assistance to two farming cooperatives in the RACCS to strengthen their organizational capacities and develop joint efforts between the public and private sectors.

While both men and women are members of the cooperatives, women have a strong presence on the board of directors of both cooperatives. With the support of the MGP, these women leaders are considering ways to increase gender equality within the cooperatives themselves.

**Table # 2: Technical assistance for local economic development**

Organization	Relationship to the MGP	Objective of the Technical Assistance	Medium-Term Goal	Advances
<b>Las Praderas Cooperative,</b> Mueye de los Bueyes	Municipal Development Committee Members	Development of a business plan to present to ICCO <sup>1</sup> and other donor organizations.	Scale-up the value of dairy products and increase regional membership.	Development of tools for a market survey. Business plan 50% completed.
<b>Bo. 19 de Julio Cooperative,</b> Bluefields	Participants in the Citizens Prepared for Climate Change project	Identify opportunities to grow as a local actor and establish partnerships with other civil society organizations and government institutions to access state funding for cooperatives.	Model agro-tourism farm that promotes sustainable farming methods and supports rural agro-industry; training for young people from vulnerable rural towns so that they can contribute to the economic development of communities in the Caribbean Coast.	Analysis of the cooperative's current characteristics to better understand its strengths and weaknesses and identify opportunities for growth and project development. Baseline study on cooperative membership.

<sup>1</sup> Interchurch Organization for Development Cooperation



*Meetings with members of the La Pradera Cooperative in Muelle de los Bueyes.*

### *2.5 Evaluation of projects to strengthen CDMs begins*

In June, the evaluation of projects to strengthen the San Pedro de Lóvago, Santo Domingo and Muelle de los Bueyes cooperatives, implemented by APRODER with MGP support, began.

The evaluation seeks to identify the central factors that have contributed to the sustainability of Municipal Development Committee (CDM, Sp.) advocacy initiatives with local governments to incorporate citizen demands into municipal budgets. As of June 30, the MGP had conducted surveys and interviews and organized focus groups. After an exchange program, the evaluation will be completed in July. The results will be shared with members of the three CDMs and will be used to identify areas for improvement for future initiatives.

***Table # 3: Tools used in the evaluation of the CDMs***

Tool	Objective	Participants
<b>265 surveys:</b> <i>130 in Muelle de los Bueyes 57 in San Pedro de Lóvago 78 in Santo Domingo</i>	Investigate the extent to which the general population is aware of the existence and work of the CDMs.	General population in rural and urban areas.
<b>3 focus groups:</b> <i>One in each municipality</i>	Receive feedback from CDM members on the support they have received from the MGP through APRODER to strengthen organizational and operational capacities. Understand how individuals not participating in the CDMs believe the organizations could be improved.	Members of the CDM board of directors and regional leaders. Local citizens.
<b>9 interviews:</b> <i>Three in each municipality</i>		In each municipality: One municipal official, one public official, one member of civil society.
<b>Exchange program</b> <i>To be held in mid-July</i>	Share best practices among the CDMs and APRODER that have resulted in more effective municipal governance. Success stories and the strategies that helped achieve them will be identified.	Members of the CDMs.



*June 28, 2016.  
Members of the Muelle  
de los Bueyes focus  
group.*

## *2.6 RACCS partner organizations participate in a conference titled “Journalism for a Culture of Peace”*

In partnership with the “*Cambia Ahora Solo Hazlo*” (Change Now, Just Do It) campaign implemented by FADCANIC with INL support, representatives of MGP partner organization in the RACCS participated in a conference titled “Journalism for a Culture of Peace,” facilitated by UNIVISION journalist Tiffany Roberts. The event was also attended by local journalists and other civil society organizations. The conference focused on the important role that journalism can play to support efforts to decrease various forms of violence.

Members of the Corn Island CoMAJ, which receives MGP support through BICU, gave a presentation on their experience using social media in combination with traditional communications tools to encourage social organization. The CoMAJ representatives emphasized the important role that the involvement of young people in social causes plays. Ms. Roberts expressed her willingness to provide support to the group.



*Representatives of the Corn Island  
CoMAJ with reporter Tiffany Roberts.*

## 2.7 Members of the LGBT community hold awareness-raising events

A new phase of a project with representatives of the LGBT community in Bluefields and El Rama began this quarter with public awareness-raising events. In El Rama, local journalists spoke about homophobia in the municipality and expressed their willingness to help change attitudes using their microphones and cameras. The municipal council also participated in activities in both municipalities. Short videos demonstrating advances and challenges facing members of the LGBT community were shown to help council members better understand the human rights implications of sexual diversity.

The awareness-raising events with decision makers and the general population are designed to start changing attitudes and perspectives about the fundamental rights of LGBT people. The project will include radio programs, social media campaigns, and other communications strategies.

**Table # 4: Media outlets learn about the LGBT project**

Municipality	Media Outlet	Women	Men	Under 30	Total Participants
Bluefields	Radio Zinica, Doce Noticias, El Meridiano, Bluefields Creole News	4	7	7	<b>11</b>
Rama	Radio Dignidad, Rama Visión canal 5, Radio La Voz de Zelaya	4	5	4	<b>9</b>

In each municipality, representatives held meetings with community members to increase participation in the project. During the meetings, volunteer coordinators were selected and proposals for activities to commemorate Gay Pride Day on June 28 were developed as part of the campaign titled “For Fair and Equal Treatment.” In El Rama, trainings were held on sexual identity, self-esteem, gender, life planning, personal development, and the legal framework for LGBT rights.

**Table # 5: AMJOLU/MDS trainings in El Rama**

Training	Municipality	Women	Men	Under 30	Total
Gender and Sexual Identity	Rama	4	7	11	11
Sexual identity, self-esteem, gender, life planning, personal development	Rama	9	4	13	13
Accepting the sexual identity of your children (for family members of MDS participants)	Rama	8	7	1	15

### *2.8 Afro-Women's Network presents its political platform to the South Caribbean Coast Regional Council*

The project titled "Political Advocacy Platform in Recognition of the International Decade for People of African Descent" – implemented by the Network of Afro-Latin American, Afro-Caribbean, and Diaspora Women (Afro-Women's Network) – was completed this quarter with advocacy activities and a media campaign. The Afro-Women's Network presented its political platform to municipal authorities in the South Caribbean Coast Autonomous Region.

The women shared the 16 demands included in their political platform, with an emphasis on three priority demands: access to quality education, visibility of afro-descendent women in census data and national statistics, and access to natural and economic resources. The women stressed that they will be monitoring budget implementation to ensure that money is allocated to activities included in the platform. To ensure the sustainability of the activities, Afro-Women's Network representatives and RACCS decision-makers have established committees to monitor implementation of the platform.

The Afro-Women's Network also completed a publicity campaign featuring illustrated materials and radio and television spots. The campaign was titled, "Afro-Descendants: Recognition, Justice, and Development."

**Table # 6: Meetings between Afro-Women's Network members and decision-makers**

Event	Objective	Date	# of Participants			
			Men	Women	Total	Under 30
Forum for afro-women leaders and RACCS decision-makers.	Improve advocacy efforts by the Afro-Women's Network in the South Caribbean Coast.	21/04/16	0	64	64	11
		22/04/16	2	65	67	10



*Left: Presentation of the Afro-Women's Network's political platform at the RACCS Regional Council. Right: Afro-women leaders and RACCS decision-makers establish committees to monitor implementation of the platform.*

### *2.9 Advances in the Youth Roundtable*

During this quarter, the Youth Roundtable held its 10th and 11th meetings with financing from BICU, which agreed to finance the meetings as part of a series of commitments that partner organizations made to ensure the sustainability of the Youth Roundtable. During the meetings, representatives analyzed member organization training needs that were identified through an evaluation. The representatives also approved agreements signed by the directors of member organizations to formalize the different organizations' continued commitment to participating in Youth Roundtable efforts.

During the 11th session, BICU and URACCAN discussed advances in the universities' efforts to coordinate research on issues affecting youth. The universities hope to develop research programs at both the undergraduate and postgraduate levels that focus on youth issues.

Roundtables participants also discussed plans to hold meetings with the North Caribbean Coast Regional Government's Department of Youth, which has indicated interest in joining the Youth Roundtable and in planning and organizing activities to commemorate Youth Week. These activities represent the launch of a series of strategic initiatives the Youth Roundtable has planned for 2016.





*11th Youth Roundtable  
Meeting: Planning Youth  
Week activities.*

### *2.10 Disabled people's organizations monitor budget implementation*

Members of disabled people's organizations in Bluefields are monitoring the implementation of public funds that were allocated as a result of the organizations' advocacy during last year's budget consultation processes (October-December 2015). In Corn Island and Bluefields, the FECONORI boards of directors held meetings with municipal leaders to request information on implementation of the 2016 budgets.

In Bluefields, the municipality distributed approximately USD \$3,000 for the construction of access ramps at the Juan Manuel Morales health center in Barrio Tres Cruces and on roads leading to disabled people's homes. Since March the Corn Island municipal government has provided 32 people with disabilities with basic assistance, eight wheelchairs, three medical walkers, flights to Managua for medical visits, and zinc sheets and cement for construction. Thus far, the municipality has provided approximately USD \$7,300 for these activities. The municipality also built three homes for people with disabilities, but budget information on the home construction projects is not available.

On the other hand, the Board of FECONORI in Bluefields continued to work to assume the land donated by the municipality for the construction of the headquarters of the organization. The land, initially offered by the Mayor in the Loma Fresca neighborhood, is being used by its residents as green space where children and youth play sports activities. The mayor offered to cede other land located on the road being built to connect Bluefields New Guinea, in the area known as the "Pericón". Members of the Board of FECOCORI have reviewed the field (measurement and location) to proceed with the swap.

**Table # 7: Municipal funding for people with disabilities in Bluefields and Corn Island**

Municipality	Description	Amount in USD	Funds Distributed as of June 2016
Bluefields	Access ramp construction	\$3,653	<b>\$3,653</b>
Corn Island	Basic assistance	\$3,846	<b>\$7,290</b>
	Provision of wheelchairs	\$1,600	
	Provision of medical walkers	\$150	
	Flights	\$1,694	
	Construction materials	Not available	
	Home construction	Not available	
	Travel allowances for trips to Managua	Not available	

### 2.11 *Blind people trained in the use of white canes*

This quarter, the MGP continued to facilitate increased citizen participation by people with disabilities by providing support for a mobility course for blind people in Corn Island and Bluefields. 18 blind people that participated in the course, which was led by the Luis Braille Blind Peoples' Organization and taught participants how to use white canes over 96 training hours, are now able to leave their homes and move safely around their communities. Eight of the 15 identified blind people in Corn Island and 10 of the 47 identified blind people in Bluefields now understand how to use white canes. A refresher course was provided to participants in Corn Island one week after the initial training and a refresher course is planned for participants in Bluefields during July 2016.

Additionally, a deaf person in Corn Island that received MGP support for sign language classes participated in an internship to obtain her certification to provide classes to other deaf people on the island. Dorbise Hudgson completed an internship at the National Technological Institute (INATEC, Sp.) in Managua and received her trainer's certification, which is also recognized by the Nicaraguan Deaf Peoples' Association (ANSNIC, Sp.)





*Blind people practice using White canes in Corn Island.*

*2.12 More than 200 people with disabilities have received identification cards from the Department of Health*

This quarter, the Department of Health (MINSA, Sp.) continued to distribute identification cards to people with disabilities through its “*Todos con Voz*” (Everyone has a Voice) program, which receives MGP support. 101 people in Corn Island and 129 people in Laguna de Perlas now have identification cards, which allow them to access various public benefits, as established by Law 763. 416 people with disabilities in Bluefields have already received identification cards. At this point, 644 of the 1,338 people with disabilities identified by a MINSA study have received identification cards.

*2.13 Corn Island municipal officials have a better understanding of the standards for constructing accessible buildings*

The goal of the Nicaraguan Obligatory Accessibility Standards (NTON, Sp.) is to guarantee access to goods and services for all people who, because of permanent or temporary conditions, have limited or reduced mobility, and to promote the use of technical assistance and the provision of adequate services to improve the lives of those people.<sup>2</sup>

In light of the various constructions projects that were allocated funding in the 2016 Corn Island budget, FECONORI held a training for municipal council members on NTON to ensure

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<sup>2</sup> The text of the law is available at:  
[http://legislacion.asamblea.gob.ni/normaweb.nsf/\(\\$All\)/19AE4F2290672A5506257284006B36D7?OpenDocument](http://legislacion.asamblea.gob.ni/normaweb.nsf/($All)/19AE4F2290672A5506257284006B36D7?OpenDocument)

that the constructions are performed in accordance with legal standards and that new infrastructures are accessible to people with disabilities. Ten members of the Corn Island infrastructure committee participated in the trainings.

#### *2.14 Women with disabilities discuss gender issues*

This quarter, 25 women with disabilities participated in an MGP-supported three forums to discuss gender issues and follow up on themes that were addressed during the gender and new masculinities project. The women conversed about gender-based violence, the right to choose, and self-care – using movies, short videos, and participatory exercises to facilitate the conversation. These forums also serve as a safe space for women to share their experiences, problems, challenges, and fears with absolute freedom. The participants have expressed their desire for more frequent sessions to be held and their hope that the forums will facilitate the identification of concrete actions to advance women's rights in the region.

#### *2.15 Trainings on Law 763*

In Laguna de Perlas, the MGP provided a training on Law 763 to increase understanding of the law among people with disabilities. Although FECONORI had provided a training on the law earlier in the PODER project, people with disabilities informed the organization that there were aspects of the law that they still did not understand. As such, the Laguna de Perlas FECONORI chapter requested an additional training session to clarify these aspects of the law. 20 people with disabilities participated in the training – 6 men and 14 women.

### **Fiscal Transparency**

#### *2.16 CSOs selected to carry out national and municipal budget analyses*

Through a public call-for-proposals released by the MGP and IEEPP, ten civil society organizations were selected to receive technical assistance for national and municipal budget analysis and advocacy. Six of the organizations will focus their budget analyses on specific issues, including maternal health, demographic planning, and youth. The other four organizations will focus their analyses on municipal budgets and the development of local citizen budgets.

**Table # 8: Technical Assistance for Budget Analysis by Organization**

Organization	Focus of Technical Assistance	Technical Assistance Provider
Center for Healthcare Assessment and Information ( <i>Centro de Información y Servicios de Asesoría en Salud, [CISAS, Sp.]</i> )	Analysis of the healthcare budget and expenditures	IEEPP
Association for the Well-Being of Nicaraguan Families ( <i>Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Nicaragüense, [PROFAMILIA, Sp.]</i> )	National budget allocations for efforts to prevent child and teen pregnancies in 2016	IEEPP
Health Without Limits [in partnership with the Nidia White Women's Organization] ( <i>Salud sin Límites en alianza con Asociación de Mujeres Nidia White</i> )	National and municipal budget allocations for maternal health in Puerto Cabezas	IEEPP
The "Let Me Try It" Foundation's Civic Youth Movement ( <i>Movimiento Cívico de Juventudes de Fundación Déjame Intentarlo</i> )	National and municipal budget allocations for youth issues in Ciudad Sandino.	IEEPP
TECHO-Nicaragua	Budget allocations for housing, basic services, and demographic studies in Tipitapa.	IEEPP
FADESSAN Consortium ( <i>La Cuculmea, AVODEC y Fundación Odorico D'Andrea</i> )	National and local budget allocations for efforts to increase food security in Jinotega's arid corridor.	IEEPP
Association for Local Survival and Development ( <i>Asociación para la sobrevivencia y el Desarrollo Local [ASODEL, Sp.]</i> )	Budget monitoring and development of a citizens' budget in Chinandega	Global Communities
Center for Social Research and Development ( <i>Centro de Estudios y Promoción Social [CEPS, Sp.]</i> )	Budget monitoring and development of a citizens' budget in Ciudad Sandino	Global Communities
Bluefields Network of Young Entrepreneurs ( <i>Red de Emprendedores Juveniles de Bluefields [REJUB, Sp.]</i> )	Budget monitoring and development of a citizens' budget in Bluefields	Global Communities
Association for Rural Progress and Development ( <i>Asociación para el Progreso y Desarrollo Rural [Aproder, Sp.]</i> )	Budget monitoring and development of a citizens' budget in Muelle de los Bueyes	Global Communities

### 2.17 Technical assistance for budget analysis and monitoring begins

In May, technical assistance for the selected organizations began with a series of workshops, during which the final terms of the cooperation agreements were defined and participants received training on national budget analysis and municipal budget monitoring. 55 representatives of the different CSOs participated in the workshops.

To prepare for budget monitoring activities and the development of citizens' budgets, youth in Ciudad Sandino and Chinandega participated in trainings on municipal budget cycles and the use of the Our Budget website ([www.mipresupuestomunicipal.org](http://www.mipresupuestomunicipal.org)).

IEEPP began providing individual technical assistance to CSOs during this quarter. The IEEPP workshops lasted for two days and provided participants with information on budget analysis tools and strategies for identifying sources of budgetary information to perform research.

The MGP also worked with the CSOs to develop small initiatives to encourage the use of budget monitoring as a tool for citizen advocacy. As part of these initiatives, the MGP will sign donor agreements that will provide the organizations with funding to develop, publish, and distribute the products of their technical assistance programs. The funding will also support advocacy activities to raise awareness about the importance of budget monitoring among the general population and decision-makers.

**Table # 9: CSO trainings on budget monitoring**

Issue	# of Participants			Observations
	M	W	T	
Municipal Budget Monitoring	6	9	15	Global Communities held this workshop over the course of two days to train participants on the legal framework governing local budget development and the Open Municipal Budgets website.
National Budget Analyses	12	19	31	IEEPP held this workshop over the course of two days to train participants on budget analysis tools and sources of budgetary information.
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>46</b>	

**Table # 10: CSO-led trainings on budget monitoring to targeted groups**

CSO	# of Participants		
	M	W	T
CEPS	10	14	24
ASODEL	9	14	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>67</b>

### 2.18 Transitional plan to ensure the sustainability of online budget observatories developed

This quarter, the MGP, along with Güegüe, IEEPP, NDI and *Red Local*, developed a plan to ensure the sustainability of two online budget observatories: Our Budget and Open Municipal Budgets. Both websites will eventually be managed by IEEPP. The following steps have been taken to transition management of the websites to IEEPP:

- The MGP provided three training sessions to IEEPP technical staff on municipal budget cycles, the legal framework governing budget development and citizen participation in budget development, and the analysis of data registered on the Open Municipal Budgets website.
- An evaluation of both websites is under way to identify ways of improving the sites in the long, medium, and short terms.

The MGP, in partnership with *Red Local*, also held three events to provide information about the Open Municipal Budgets website to *Red Local* member organizations. 95 representatives of 36 CSOs participated in the events.

**Table # 11: Presentations on the Open Municipal Budgets website**

Date	# of Participants			# of CSOs	Participating Organizations
	W	M	Totals		
18/03/2016	16	18	34	11	INGES, municipal government, URACCAN, IEPA URACCAN, AMICA, <i>Junta Comunal, Wihta Barrio</i> , FESIS, CEJUDHCAN, <i>Madres Unidas</i> , FENUVI.
09/03/2016	21	10	31	17	MJN, <i>Red Local</i> , FONG, <i>Grupo Venancia</i> , <i>Mov. Soy Nica</i> , <i>Nica Salud</i> , ILLS, INPHRU, CEDCA, IXCHEN, PCI, Profamilia, IEEPP, <i>Puntos de Encuentro</i> , <i>Fundación del Río</i> , RMCH, <i>Save the Children</i> ,
14/03/2016	18	12	30	8	CMR, municipal government, CDH Red de Mujeres, <i>Red Local</i> , OAIP, INGES, AMAS, APRODER.

### 2.19 University students learn about the Our Budget and Open Municipal Budgets websites

IEEPP gave presentations about the online observatories at different universities throughout the country to encourage greater use of the websites. The events also included brief analyses of the 2016 Nicaraguan national budget. A total of 566 university students (65% women) have attended the presentations, representing a variety of academic fields including business administration, economics, marketing and advertising, accounting, finance, law, and communications.

**Table # 12: University presentations on budget websites**

Date	University	Women	Men	Total
06/04/2016	<i>Universidad de Ciencias Comerciales León</i> (University of Commercial Sciences – Leon)	36	22	<b>58</b>
13/04/2016	American College	26	19	<b>45</b>
13/04/2016	<i>Universidad Centroamericana</i> (Central American University)	31	18	<b>49</b>
14/04/2016	<i>Universidad Americana</i> (American University)	13	3	<b>16</b>
21/04/2016	<i>Universidad de Ciencias Comerciales Managua</i> (University of Commercial Sciences – Managua)	60	30	<b>90</b>
30/04/2016	<i>Universidad Juan Pablo II</i> (Juan Pablo II University)	34	12	<b>46</b>
20/05/2016	<i>Universidad Nacional del Norte – Matagalpa</i> (National Northern University – Matagalpa)	25	9	<b>34</b>
26/05/2016	<i>Universidad del Valle</i> (Valley University)	31	15	<b>46</b>
01/06/2016	<i>Universidad de Ciencia y Tecnología</i> (University of Science and Technology)	29	20	<b>49</b>
01/06/2016	<i>Universidad Católica</i> (Catholic University)	18	10	<b>28</b>
21/06/2016	<i>Juventud Renovadora</i> (Renewing Youth)	9	15	<b>24</b>
22/06/2016	<i>Universidad Politécnica Managua</i> (Managua Polytechnic University)	22	11	<b>33</b>
24/06/2016	<i>Universidad Centroamericana</i> (Central American University)	34	14	<b>48</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>368</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>566</b>

## 2.20 2016 Citizens' Budget available in academic and reader-friendly formats

IEEPP made available to university students, academics and budget experts the study titled “Understanding the 2016 General Budget of the Republic”. The report analyzes revenue and expenditures over the last five years, with an emphasis on funding allocated to poverty reduction, social spending, and public investments. A draft of the report was reviewed by Global Communities and USAID, and suggested edits were incorporated into the final version.

A reader-friendly document titled “2016 Citizens’ Budget: What Will the Government Spend Money On?” was also released. The citizens’ budget is designed for the general populations and includes illustrations and infographics on revenues, expenditures, public investment programs, and municipal transfers. Both documents are available in digital format on the IEEPP website.



*Reader-friendly and academic versions (left and right, respectively) of the report on the 2016 General Budget of the Republic.*

## *2.21 Draft of proposed reforms to Law 550 completed*

After incorporating edits from Global Communities and USAID, IEEPP completed a draft of proposed reforms to Law 550 (Law on the Budget and Fiscal Administration). IEEPP will lead efforts to publicize the proposed reforms, which include presentations for the Department of the Treasury and Public Credit, the National Assembly’s Committee on the Economy, Budget, and Manufacturing, COSEP, AMCHAM, and the Nicaraguan Central Bank. The proposed reforms will also be debated during events at universities in July.

## *2.22 Plan for the publication of the report on Venezuelan aid developed*

This quarter, a plan for the publication and dissemination of a report on Venezuelan aid – which includes a video conference between Nicaraguan and Venezuelan experts on fiscal transparency, governance, and public debt – was developed. The report will also be shared with decision-makers, civil society organizations, and international aid organizations. The



report will be published on the IEEPP website and hard copies will be provided to important stakeholders. The report has been sent out for printing.

### 2.23 *The 2016 hackathon titled “Developing Nicaraguan Apps and Infographics” begins*

IEEPP organized the third civic web-app and infographic competition this quarter. This year’s hackathon is a group competition. University students from different academic fields (systems engineering, graphic design, computer engineering, communications, etc.) and representatives of CSOs and youth movements will create demos of apps and infographics that address social issues, with a focus on transparent budgets and road safety. The best apps and infographics will receive a prize. The hackathon is sponsored by the Central American University (UCA, Sp.), the MGP, and Casa Pellas.

This year’s hackathon is titled “Developing Nicaraguan Apps and Infographics.” Advertising materials for the event have been developed. Activities will begin in the first week of July with advertising on social media, and the competition itself will take place on September 3.



*2016 hackathon posters and t-shirts.*

## Climate Change

### 2.24 *Training on climate change adaptation strategies for urban and rural families*

This quarter, the MGP held four trainings on climate change adaptation strategies for urban and rural families. The trainings were designed to encourage new perspectives on living healthier lives and protecting natural resources and the environment. 56 persons attended the trainings, 29 females and 27 males. Training themes included:

- **Nutrition and energy efficiency:** Replacing expensive and less-nutritious processed foods with organic food.



- **Biointensive farming techniques:** Encouraging families to become self-sufficient with regards to food, planting patio gardens, bringing neighbors together to make biological fertilizers and insecticides.
- **Water, sanitation, and hygiene:** Encouraging the preservation of water, soil, and local crops to ensure environmental sustainability.
- **Citizen participation and advocacy:** Empowering families to advocate for the implementation of local climate change adaptation plans, connecting community leaders with local and national officials.

#### *2.25 Development of the Municipal and local Climate Change Adaptation Plans*

Centro Humboldt's efforts to encourage citizen participation in developing a municipal plan to mitigate and adapt to climate change vulnerabilities in Corn Island were supported by municipal authorities and the Little Corn Island Communal Government. As such, a wide cross-section of actors – including municipal government representatives, state actors, local organizations, tourist businesses, and representatives of the fishing sector – will participate in the effort to develop a municipal plan to combat climate change.

Meanwhile in Pearl Lagoon, representatives from urban areas guided by blueEnergy completed the design of the Laguna de Perlas Local Climate Change Adaptation Plan. blueEnergy also began planning sessions with representatives of the Pueblo Nuevo community or planning committee, five of whom participated in BICU's community planning course. During the next quarter, advocacy activities with municipal officials will begin.

#### *2.26 Activities identified in climate change adaptation plans implemented by communities*

This quarter, communities participating in the "Citizens Prepared for Climate Change" initiative began implementing the activities they identified in their local climate change adaptation plans. This community buy-in demonstrates that the program has increased community resilience in the face of climate change. Community leaders have consistently participated in civil society and public sector forums where they have talked about the participatory development of local climate change adaptation plans, the importance of putting a plan in place, and the positive effects that the development of the plans has had in increasing community cohesion and encouraging citizen participation to improve their communities. Community leaders also participated in the Central American Forum on Food Security for Cooperatives and Solidarity Groups (May 22) and the Regional Forum (June 23 and 24). The leaders made presentations on the importance of developing local climate change adaptation plans through participatory processes, and underscored the actions that communities, families, and local governments can take to address climate change.

**Table # 13: Implementation of activities identified in climate change adaptation plans**

#	Initiative	Implementation Activity	Participants
1	Improve neighborhood and community disaster-response capacities.	The municipality recognized the 19 de Julio neighborhood as the most prepared in Bluefields disaster simulations.	19 de Julio and Loma Fresca neighborhoods, and El Bluff community. The simulation activities were organized by the municipal government.
2	Forming cooperatives and developing socio-economic initiatives.	Formation of the cooperative; baseline study on families to document changes in community perspectives as a result of the development of the climate change adaptation plan, collection of data by community members for the study on changes in community perspectives.	19 de Julio, with support from the MGP
		Trainings for solidarity groups by the Department of Family, Community, Cooperative, and Organizational Economies (MEFCCA, Sp.)	19 de Julio and El Bluff, with support from MEFCCA
		Community farm and patio gardens	19 de Julio and El Bluff, respectively, with support from blueEnergy
3	Community sanitation	Community clean-up of rivers and public areas.	19 de Julio, Loma Fresca, and El Bluff, with support from the municipal government.
4	Construction of and improvements to community health centers.	A community health center is under construction in 19 de Julio, and infrastructure improvements are being made on a center in Loma Fresca.	19 de julio and Loma Fresca
5	Improvements to roads	Repairs on roads being completed by the municipal administration.	19 de julio and Loma Fresca.

### 2.27 Biophysical study of climate change vulnerabilities in Bluefields produces significant findings

As part of the activities to develop a municipal climate change adaptation plan in Bluefields, a biophysical study of the region's climate change vulnerabilities was performed this quarter, revealing significant findings. Among others, the study identified misuse of soils, over-fishing, and the enormous environmental impact of road construction projects as activities that pose climate change risks.

Additional findings on climate risks in the region included a large section of land that was previously forested and rich in biodiversity in Rama territory, which is currently used by six families as a cattle farm. The mining of materials for the construction of roads demolished various hills and a portion of forest 12 meters wide. As a result, environmental effects are felt up to 90 kilometers away. The intensity of flooding in watershed areas has increased in intensity and frequency, causing damage to homes in at least six neighborhoods in the city and leading to the extinction of aquatic flora and fauna and its substitution with other species capable of tolerating seasonal droughts and more sediment-heavy waters.

Increased immigration in the region has also led to difficulties between the migrant population and indigenous communities. Trainings are needed because both *mestizo* and indigenous populations currently employ farming techniques that have negative societal and environmental impacts.

*2.28 Families that have received climate change training raise awareness about climate change solutions during the Mayo Ya parade*

On May 31, participants in the “Citizens Prepared for Climate Change” project participated in the Mayo Ya parade in Bluefields. The participants marched with a float, designed by blueEnergy, which advertised best practices and new technologies that families can implement to adapt to the effects of climate change. The participants, who were selected to march in the parade by community members, hope that their presence in the parade will inspire more citizens to take measures to adapt to climate change in the RACCS.

*2.29 Participatory design of climate change campaign materials with community members increases community buy-in*

The design of a climate change awareness-raising campaign opened new participatory spaces for community members. The campaign addresses climate change adaptation techniques from the perspective of local community members.

The MGP worked with journalists, students, civil society representatives, and Bluefields and Laguna de Perlas project participants to design campaign graphics. Through consensus, the participants decided that the campaign will emphasize the actions that can be taken on a personal (family) and community level to adapt to climate change. The campaign logo underscores the effect that changes in personal behavior can create at the community level. In addition to the graphics, the campaign logo was approved by four focus groups, furthering local buy-in.



Above: Campaign t-shirt and sticker. Below: Billboard. The graphics will be published in three languages and will represent the six ethnic groups with presence in the RACCS, as recommended by the focus groups.



### 2.30 Community forums encourage dialogue

This quarter, three community forums on climate change adaptation were held. 218 people from the three municipalities where the program is active participated in the forums. The activities helped raise awareness about the need for a proactive attitude by community members to implement activities to combat and mitigate climate change. The forums also provided community members with the opportunity to participate in decisions about the

appropriate strategies for reducing environmental risks associated with climate change in the region.

Participants in the forums included representatives from the private sector, communal and territorial governments, community leaders, civil society organizations, and local officials.

**Table # 13: Objectives and results of community climate change forums**

Activity	Issues Addressed	Results
Community forum on best practices in climate change in Little and Big Corn Island - Bluefields	<p>The effects of climate change on tourism: challenges, opportunities, and risks.</p> <p>Risks and impacts of climate change in Little and Big Corn Island.</p> <p>Challenges and opportunities in the local economy to achieve food security at the community level.</p> <p>The role of communal governments and citizen participation in managing climate change adaptation efforts.</p> <p>Building alliances between public institutions to manage climate change adaptation efforts.</p>	<p>Input on the issues addressed – the challenges facing Big Corn Island (10.5km<sup>2</sup> area) and Little Corn Island (2.5km<sup>2</sup> area), their resources and limitations.</p>
Ometepe-Corn Island Exchange Forum	<p>Exchange of experiences between key stakeholders in Ometepe and Corn Island to identify best practices in encouraging social responsibility by businesses and implementing climate change adaptation strategies at the community, business, and municipal levels. Site visits to seven businesses on Ometepe Island that encourage sustainable development.</p>	<p>Best practices in the use of renewable and clean energy sources identified.</p> <p>Partnerships developed for follow-up on projects that can be replicated on Corn Island and Little Corn Island.</p> <p>The importance of partnerships across sectors to achieve common goals recognized.</p> <p>Best business practices in climate change adaptation identified.</p>
Laguna de Perlas Local Climate Change Partnership Forum	<p>Analysis of climate change from a community perspective to develop a regional position on climate change that reflects perspectives of indigenous and afro-descendent communities and will form part of the national and Central American agendas leading up to COP 22.</p>	<p>Strategy developed for the Partnership's informed participation in the national and Central American climate change forums, to be held in July:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Climate change: Risks and losses, mitigation and adaptation.</li> <li>- Territorial regulations</li> <li>- Reforestation and environmental rehabilitation</li> <li>- Food security</li> <li>- Use of natural resources</li> <li>- Use of hydraulic resources</li> <li>- Community oversight and monitoring</li> </ul>

### 2.31 Advances in academic research on local issues receiving BICU support

This quarter, undergraduate students at BICU began research for their theses, financed by the MGP. 50 people are involved in the research projects, including 24 students, 12 academic advisors, three panel members on each subject, and three members of the BICU technical staff who provide technical and logistical assistance. Six of the research projects involve analyses of climate change vulnerability and help community members identify methods they can utilize to increase their resilience. At least seven of the projects focus on marine ecosystems, which are vital to the local communities. The theses will be completed in 2017.

**Table # 14: Undergraduate theses on climate change (BICU)**

1	<i>Socio-economic vulnerability of the fishing sector in the Kahkabila community (Laguna de Perlas) in the face of climate change.</i>
2	<i>Analysis of the vulnerability of Tik Tik Kaanu yolillale<sup>3</sup> ecosystems (Raphia taedigera) and biodiversity in the face of climate change.</i>
3	<i>Analysis of the vulnerability of community housing in the Rama Cay community (Bluefields)</i>
4	<i>Vulnerability of traditional agricultural systems in the Rocky Point community (Laguna de Perlas): 2015-16.</i>
5	<i>Analysis of the vulnerability of residential infrastructure in the Puerto El Bluff community (Bluefields): 2015-16.</i>
6	<i>Analysis of the socio-economic vulnerability of the Santa Elisa and Tik Tik Kaanu communities (Bluefields) in the face of climate change: 2015-16.</i>
7	<i>Developing sustainable tourism as a climate change adaptation strategy in the Lara Swamp region (Bluefields).</i>
8	<i>Analysis of carbon-capture in the Shallow Water Swamp wetlands in Corn Island.</i>
9	<i>Natural and human-generated factors affecting the quality and availability of potable water in the South West Bay Swamp wetlands (Corn Island)</i>
10	<i>Carbon-capture in the Punta de Lora and Falso Bluff wetlands systems in Bluefields</i>
11	<i>Analysis of the effect of conservation practices on soil moisture and erosion in Bluefields</i>
12	<i>Using a sustainable community tourism model as a climate change adaptation strategy in Laguna de Perlas.</i>
13	<i>Geological categorization of the Caño Fátima mini-watershed for construction projects in the face of climate change.</i>

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<sup>3</sup> In Central America, palm swamps are known collectively as yolillales. These wetlands are usually dominated by the raffia palm *Raphia taedigera*. This palm is essential for aquatic species such as shrimp, for migratory birds, and its fruit feeds pigs and other domestic animals in indigenous communities. They are key environmental in the riverside of Rio Kukra, road to Tik Tik Kaanu, Rama Kriol territory in RACCS and are threatened by extinction by cattle and planting rice.

### 2.32 “Onda Local” radio program raises awareness about community involvement in climate change adaptation efforts

This quarter, the project titled “Promoting Citizen Participation through Investigative Radio Journalism” began. The project is being implemented in partnership with the Association for Local Survival and Development (ASODEL, Sp.) and the *Onda Local* radio program, which specializes in coverage of municipal issues. The five-month project will encourage media debate about local issues that MGP partner organizations address, including climate change adaptation, municipal budget oversight, femicide as an extreme form of gender-based violence, local economic development, and youth participation.

On May 20, 2016, the first in a series of radio programs aired. The first program was titled “Bluefields and its Climate Change Adaptation Program,” and focused on the experience of residents of the 19 de Julio, Loma Fresca, and El Bluff neighborhoods in developing a climate change adaptation plan. The program discussed how the residents became aware of the need for climate change adaptation activities, how they identified climate change risks and resources available in their communities, and how they developed adaptation plans. Through interviews with community leaders, the program emphasized the need for citizen participation in developing adaptation plans and demanding the involvement of local authorities. The full program can be heard at: <http://ondalocal.com.ni/produccion-radiofonica/261-bluefields-y-su-plan-de-adaptacion-al-cambio-climatico/>. The next program will focus on municipal budget oversight and will air on July 1, 2016.



May 20, 2016. Facebook page announcing the Onda Local program on climate change adaptation efforts in Bluefields.



## Organizational Development

### 2.33 Organizations for people with disabilities begin a new phase of the organizational strengthening program

Organizational development activities continued with trainings for organizations for people with disabilities to strengthen the capacities of their boards of directors:

**Table #15: Organizational Development Trainings**

Training Issue	Municipality	Men	Women	Total
Planning and leadership	Laguna de Perlas	4	18	22
Social audits	Bluefields, with representatives from Corn Island and Laguna de Perlas in attendance	8	18	26
Political negotiations and conflict resolution	Bluefields, with representatives from Corn Island and Laguna de Perlas in attendance	13	18	31
Gender and new masculinities	Bluefields	7	13	20
Gender and new masculinities	Corn island	7	16	23
Gender and new masculinities	Laguna de Perlas	5	15	20
Communications	Bluefields	15	18	33
Communications	Laguna de Perlas	4	13	17
Communications	Corn Island	7	16	23

### 2.34 CoMAJ developed strategic plans for the next three years

On June 23 and 24, a workshop to develop the strategic visions of the RACCS CoMAJ was held in Bluefields. 14 representatives of the boards of directors of the El Rama, Laguna de Perlas, and Bluefields CoMAJ participated in the workshop, along with four regional promoters from BICU. A total of six female and eight male adolescents discussed the strategic vision of their organizations in light of regional priorities identified by the membership of the different CoMAJ.





After participants described the projects that their organizations have been working on, representatives discussed similarities and differences among the CoMAJ based on their various contexts and priorities. Participants noted the importance of establishing the CoMAJ as autonomous and self-administrating entities, and discussed the relationships between the CoMAJ and other regional actors. Participants also discussed the roles and competencies of the BICU promoters.

#### CoMAJ Board of Directors' Proposal

**Vision:** To be a recognized organization with a voice and vote in municipal decisions that promotes activities and projects to benefit the youth.

**Mission:** To be an organization and space that promotes that rights of young people and strengthens their abilities to advocate with regional decision makers to strengthen youth development in the region.

The vision and mission statements developed during the workshops will be discussed and approved by new and old members of each CoMAJ so that specific adjustments can be made based on the priorities of each municipal organization. Based on these identified priorities, the organizational development component will continue to provide technical assistance to the organizations for the development of communications campaigns. The component will also provide assistance on gender equality in the development of CoMAJ activities and will host discussions with male members about gender imbalances within the organizations.

#### 2.35 *Partnerships with other organizations to increase the use of social audits*

This quarter Global Communities and TROCAIRE established an alliance motivated by social audit and monitoring work performed by their partner organizations. This alliance includes the Violeta Chamorro Foundation, and will lead to an exchange forum for different civil society organizations in August. The MGP has completed reports on 18 social audit projects that will be shared with participants during the exchange. In addition to the reports, the MGP will provide participants at the event with guides indicating important steps that organizations can take to implement social audits at the local and municipal levels.

#### 2.36 *Organizations have improved capacities in designing communications campaigns*

This quarter, partner organizations participated in two events to improve their capacities to design and implement communications campaigns. 15 partner organizations participated in an exchange forum on May 11 and 12 where they discussed lessons learned in the implementation of communications campaigns. Participants noted deficiencies in formal processes to seek approval of campaign messages across their membership bases. They also noted deficiencies in their abilities to measure the reach of campaign messages after implementation of communications campaigns.

After the forum – and based on the input received from participants about the need for training on the design of communications campaigns – a workshop titled “Strengthening Capacities for the Design of Communications Campaigns” was held. The workshop focused on three central issues addressed by the



organizations (community climate change actions, youth participation in the development of municipal budgets, and inclusion of afro-descendent populations in local and national census data). It then brought participants through the methodological process of designing a communications campaign, including 1) linking communications campaigns with strategic visions and projects, 2) prioritizing unique campaign messages, 3) seeking approval for campaign messages with members of the general public, and 4) analyzing the reach of campaign messages at the end of the campaign. 34 representatives of 15 partner organizations participated in the workshop (21 women and 13 men, 20 of whom were under the age of 30). Follow-up will be provided by the Organizational Development team during the development of each organizations’ communications campaign. Minutes of each event held this quarter are available.

### III. SIGNIFICANT CONSTRAINTS/LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES

#### 3.1 LIMITATION: The relationship between FECONORI headquarters and local organizations

The development of autonomous organizations requires the strengthening of organizational identities, building leadership and management capacities, raising funds, and establishing strategic partnership with key stakeholders for activities. Organizations for people with disabilities in the RACCS are currently developing as autonomous entities, but are also members of national organizations and networks.

The fact that the regional organizations for people with disabilities are both developing as independent organizations and acting as members of a larger network leads to a series of challenges. On the one hand, the Corn Island and Laguna de Perlas FECONORI – and, to a lesser extent, the Bluefields FECONORI – are dependent on activities implemented by FECONORI headquarters, which receives direct donor funding. On the other hand, the organizations have begun to identify the need for autonomous funding sources based on their regional agendas and priorities. Experience has shown that the regional FECONORI are most effective when they function as local chapters of FECONORI headquarters. The main challenge is ensuring that all people with disabilities feel included in the efforts of the local chapters.

**Corrective measure:** Continue strengthening the FECONORI local chapters in their efforts to implement advocacy activities. This will allow the organizations to grow as municipal actors and develop greater capacities for management, organization, leadership, communications, and resource management. By gaining a better sense of their organizational capacities, the local chapters will be able to more realistically determine the level of autonomy necessary to continue their activities and the importance of preserving national partnerships that support their efforts.

#### 3.2 LIMITATION: Upcoming elections

Because this is an election year, assembly representatives are less willing to publicly propose reforms to Law 550.

**Corrective measure:** Develop an advocacy plan that will provide information about proposed reforms to Law 550 among a wider group of stakeholders.

#### 3.3 LIMITATION: Identify effective advocacy strategies on the municipal level

As recognized last quarter, the religious perspectives of members of the municipal councils represent the largest obstacle for approval of initiatives presented by the LGBT organizations AMJOLU-MDS. Identifying advocacy strategies that will be effective on the municipal level is central to the success of the new phase of the program.

**Corrective measure:** First and foremost, internally the LGBT community must develop a sense of collective identity that will permit it to engage in effective advocacy. The MGP will facilitate self-help groups for LGBT individuals and their families to help formulate their collective identity. Externally, the organizations will host awareness-raising sessions with municipal authorities (using a documentary film as the basis for discussion). Representatives will continue to participate in municipal government sessions. At the community level, LGBT organizations are planning activities to commemorate Gay Pride Day on June 28 through partnership with communications specialists as part of the communications campaign titled “For Just and Equal Treatment.”

#### **3.4 LIMITATION: Delays in signing donor agreements**

There were substantial delays in the signing of donor agreements for projects selected in the RFA 51 “Promotion of Citizen Participation in favor of the Rights of Vulnerable Groups”. The agreements took five months to be formally signed, as compared to the standard three months. This delay interrupted program activities for five months.

**Corrective measure:** A new call-for-proposals will be announced in June so that the selection of projects can be completed by October 2016. This will allow for a fluid transition between projects that will be completed in October and new projects set to begin in the same month.

#### **3.5 LESSON LEARNED: A stakeholder should be selected to oversee the implementation of municipal plans**

Communities have seen varying results in advocating for their local climate change adaptation plans since completing them in November 2015. The MGP has recognized the continuous need to train and prepare leaders and community members on theoretical tools and practices and develop effective communication and inter-organizational cohesion so that from that, get to the municipal level with shared and agreed approaches.

**Corrective measure:** The MGP will seek to more clearly define who will lead the processes in consultation with local authorities and social actors as well as enhance public-private partnerships to encourage the participatory planning process alliances. By forming a local facilitator group, the program will work with individuals to lead the processes of learning and sharing information, ideas, concerns, knowledge and approaches with others.

#### **3.6 BEST PRACTICE: Analysis of the participatory process used in developing community climate change adaptation plans**

After the construction of six community and municipal plans, the MGP has recognized the need to review how it incorporates participatory processes in these plans. The idea is to build communities’ capacity to guide their own processes and improve their participatory practices through self-evaluations and continuous learning. This will allow them to more effectively advocate for their needs and governance as a unified voice.

## IV. PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### HITOS COMPROMETIDOS FY2016 (Octubre 2015 – Septiembre 2016) – Actualizado al completar el Q2

Q	Citizen Participation	Institutional strengthening	Fiscal Transparency (IEEPP)	Climate Change	Cross Component
<b>Q3</b>  <b>FY 2016</b>  <b>Jul - Sept</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organizaciones socias y sus grupos metas han participado en el 2do cabildo sobre la ejecución presupuestaria del año 2016.</li> <li>• Realizado evento de intercambio nacional sobre “Prácticas comunitarias de seguimiento a los recursos públicos”.</li> <li>• Finalizados eventos formativos interactivos/reflexivos con jóvenes de la comunidad LGBT, familiares y allegados.</li> <li>• Culminados los programas formativos de liderazgo género y participación ciudadana de APRODER, FUMSAMI y BICU</li> <li>• Completada la evaluación de los proyectos de fortalecimiento de los CDM de Muelle de los Bueyes, San Pedro de Lóvago y Santo Domingo.</li> <li>• Impulsada la Semana de la Juventud en Bluefields por la Mesa de Concertación de Juventudes – BICU.</li> <li>• Sesiones 12 y 13 de Mesa de Concertación de Juventud.</li> <li>• Celebración del Día Nacional de las Personas con Discapacidad se convierte en una rendición de cuenta de la sociedad y el Estado</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realizado Taller de “Re-Construcción de instrumentos y metodologías para la generación de evidencias de cambio en las personas y comunidades”.</li> <li>• Fortalecidas las OSC’s en: Sostenibilidad y Marcos Legales e Institucionales.</li> <li>• Desarrollado el módulo Formación en Género.</li> <li>• Fortalecidas las OSC’s y OB’s en: mecanismos y procedimientos Administrativos y de control en organizaciones.</li> <li>• Al menos 5 organizaciones socias cuentan con Planes de Movilización de recursos</li> <li>• Los COMAJ tiene planes y competencia para la incidencia y sostenibilidad.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desarrolladas Campañas “Nuestro Presupuesto” (nacional) y Presupuestos Municipales Abiertos.</li> <li>• Realizada Feria DAIN – Desarrollando Aplicaciones e Infografías sobre presupuesto.</li> <li>• Acuerdos de subdonación a 9 organizaciones y 1 ejecución directa para impulsar Presupuestos Ciudadanos Municipales y sectoriales.</li> <li>• Divulgado el Proyecto de Reforma la Ley 550.</li> <li>• Realizado Taller para Periodistas Sobre Análisis Y Seguimiento del Presupuesto Municipal.</li> <li>• Realizado Concurso Periodismo de datos.</li> <li>• Actualizada la WEB Presupuestos Municipales Abiertos</li> <li>• Relanzamiento del sitio web el Observatorio.</li> <li>• Intercambio de los análisis municipal y sectorial Chontales o Managua</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iniciada la Campaña general de Comunicación sobre Cambio Climático y Adaptación.</li> <li>• Formulado Plan Municipal de Adaptación al Cambio Climático de Bluefields.</li> <li>• Completados 10 estudios monográficos de estudiantes de BICU.</li> <li>• Completados los planes comunitarios (2 Laguna de Perlas).</li> <li>• Instalado el Centro Demostrativo Comunitario en Laguna de Perlas.</li> <li>• Realizada valoración de los avance de la integración del Enfoque de Género en los proyectos de Cambio Climático.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Convocadas las OSC y personal para desarrollar el <b>Componente de Participación Ciudadana en Procesos Electorales</b> (Empieza a organizarse y funcionar el nuevo componente)</li> </ul>

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	<p>sobre la situación de sus derechos, tal como lo establece la Ley 763.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Iniciada las gestiones FECONORI para posicionar sus propuestas 2017 en las municipalidades de Bluefields y Corn Island.</li> <li>• Desarrollado Conversatorios de adolescentes y jóvenes mujeres facilitado por los BICU-COMAJ sobre liderazgo y protagonismo femenino.</li> <li>• Iniciado proyectos INDE – APRODER, BICU – FADCANIC sobre ciudadanía y desarrollo económico local.</li> <li>• Completado 5 ediciones especiales y 5 reportajes de Onda Local – ASODEL.</li> <li>• Completado el Programa formativo en herramientas comunicacionales a jóvenes de los CoMAJ (radio, FB, teatro popular).</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparado una cartera de inversión para cada plan local de adaptación ante el cambio climático.</li> <li>• Activada una Mesa de Cooperación Internacional en apoyo a planes de adaptación de la RACCS.</li> <li>• Iniciada la Sistematización de los Planes Comunitarios y Municipales.</li> </ul>	

**(ajustado en base a la Extensión del Programa – julio 2016)**

Q	Citizen Participation	Institutional strengthening	Fiscal Transparency (IEEPP)	Climate Change	CP in Electoral Process
<b>Q3</b>  <b>FY 2016</b>  <b>Oct - Dic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participación de organizaciones socias en el 3er cabildo sobre la ejecución presupuestaria año 2016.</li> <li>• Participan en la Consulta Presupuestaria</li> <li>• Gestionada la aprobación de la Ordenanza en apoyo a la comunidad LGBT en Bluefields</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formación en Sistemas de Monitoreo y Generación de Evidencias.</li> <li>• Efectuado 1er. ejercicio práctico de acciones locales de comunicación por OSC's/ OB's.</li> <li>• Completado el 1er módulo de género y participación ciudadana.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentados los Presupuestos Ciudadanos Municipales 2016 y los análisis presupuestarios sectoriales.</li> <li>• Presentado el Análisis de la reforma al presupuesto 2016.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formulado Plan Municipal de Adaptación al Cambio Climático de Corn Island y presentados públicamente.</li> <li>• Completada la Sistematización de</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Están construidas las primeras agendas de OSC para grupos de mujeres y jóvenes.</li> <li>• Desarrolladas 1eras acciones de incidencia con candidatos a diputados nacionales.</li> </ul>

Q	Citizen Participation	Institutional strengthening	Fiscal Transparency (IEEPP)	Climate Change	CP in Electoral Process
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seleccionada propuestas de proyecto de ciudadanía para fortalecer derechos humanos de las mujeres en la RAACS</li> <li>• Iniciado componente Participación Ciudadana en Elecciones.</li> <li>• Realizado Estudio y Foro sobre Desarrollo Local en la RACCS.</li> <li>• Finalizados procesos de monitoreo social sobre ejecución presupuestario de los proyectos incluidos por incidencia socios y de base apoyadas por el Programa.</li> <li>• Completada la caracterización / línea de base y plan de desarrollo de la Cooperativa del Barrio 19 de Julio /</li> <li>• Presentado ante ICCO del caso de Negocio de la Cooperativa Las Praderas – Muelle de los Bueyes.</li> <li>• Constituido la Comisión Municipal de DEL en los Municipios de Muelle de los Bueyes y San Pedro.</li> <li>• Identificado el grupo de jóvenes y mujeres participantes en proyectos beneficiarios de DEL</li> <li>• Publicación de historias vida de mujeres líderes comunitarias Costeñas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Se cuenta con materiales de participación ciudadana adecuados para personas con discapacidad.</li> <li>• Completada la línea de base de desarrollo organizacional de todas las organizaciones socias.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Realizada la valoración del anteproyecto de presupuesto 2017</li> </ul> <p>(FINALIZA ESTE COMPONENTE)</p>	<p>los Planes Comunitarios y Municipales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Se inicia 2da Fase de la iniciativa Ciudadanía Preparada ante el Cambio Climático.</li> </ul>	

## **ANNEXES**

The following annexes are attached:

1. MGP Project List
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## Annex 1: MGP Project List

## Proyectos Vigentes del Programa de Gobernabilidad Local QIII 2016

#	Organización	Nombre del Proyecto	Objetivo	Componente	Grupo Meta	Cobertura Geográfica	Fecha de Inicio	Fecha de Finalización	Monto Total U\$	Aporte USAID U\$	Estado
1	Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticas Públicas	Transparencia Fiscal en Nicaragua. Fase III	Mejorar la comprensión de la sociedad civil sobre la buena gobernabilidad de los recursos públicos tanto a nivel nacional como local.	Transparencia Fiscal	Población en General, Sociedad Civil nacional y local	Nacional	01/12/2015	30/09/2016	364,164.00	250,000.00	En Ejecución
2	Instituto de Estudios Estratégicos y Políticas Públicas	Promoción de la Participación Ciudadana Activa e Informada. Café con Voz Fase II	Promover la participación activa de la población en espacios de incidencia mediante la producción de programas radiales y televisivos que los mantengan informados sobre los principales problemas que limitan su desarrollo.	Participación Ciudadana	Población en General, Sociedad Civil nacional y local	Nacional	10/9/15	8/30/16	100,187.32	47,668.55	En Ejecución
3	blue Energy	Fortalecimiento de las redes municipales caps para su incidencia y participación en políticas públicas para el mejoramiento de sus condiciones de vida en la RACS	Crear y fortalecer las redes de CAPS de los municipios de Bluefields y Laguna de Perlas en materia de Participación Ciudadana	Participación Ciudadana	Comités de Agua Potable y Saneamiento CAPS	Laguna de Perlas y Bluefields	24/03/2015	04/04/2016	57,845.00	44,118.00	Completado
4	Asociación red de mujeres afrolatinoamericanas, afrocaribeñas y de la diáspora, la red	Plataforma política para incidir en el decenio de la población afro-descendiente	Contribuir al ejercicio de la ciudadanía intercultural de las mujeres de la Región Autónoma del Caribe Sur.	Participación Ciudadana	Mujeres afrodescendientes de la Costa Caribe Sur nicaragüense.	Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur (RACCS): Bluefields, Laguna de Perlas, Corn Island, El Rama	31/08/2015	31/05/2016	37,614.58	32,053.00	Completado
5	Asociación para el progreso y desarrollo rural, Aproder	Consolidación de espacios de concertación para el desarrollo local inclusivo – Fase II	Continuar promoviendo la articulación de esfuerzos entre actores sociales de San Pedro de Lóvago, Santo Domingo y Muelle de los Bueyes para la ejecución de procesos de incidencia política, que abonen a la solución de problemas sentidos por la población incluidos en los presupuestos, programas y políticas locales.	Participación Ciudadana	Comités de Desarrollo Municipal	Municipios de Muelle de los Bueyes, San Pedro de Lóvago y Santo Domingo.	16/02/2016	16/05/2016	22,052.75	16,946.00	Completado
6	Federación Nicaraguense de Asociaciones de Personas con Discapacidad, Feconori	Fortalecimiento organizativo y de la capacidad de incidencia de las Organizaciones de Personas con Discapacidad FASE II	Crear condiciones favorables para el ejercicio de derechos de las personas con discapacidad en la RACCS, fortaleciendo sus capacidades organizativas, sus habilidades de integración social, promoviendo sus derechos y demandando el cumplimiento de estos por las autoridades municipales y regionales.	Participación Ciudadana	Personas con discapacidad	Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur (RACCS): Bluefields, Laguna de Perlas y Corn Island.	17/02/2016	17/07/2016	60,099.39	46,545.00	En Ejecución
7	Asociación de mujeres jóvenes luchadoras, AMJOLU	Impulsando la participación ciudadana de la comunidad LGBT para un desarrollo con representatividad, inclusión y equidad FASE II	Fortalecer la capacidad organizativa del Movimiento por la Diversidad Sexual de la RACCS (MDS) y su interlocución con el Estado, para demandar el cumplimiento de los derechos de la comunidad LGBT en dos municipios de la RACCS.	Participación Ciudadana	Comunidad LGTB	Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur (RACCS): Bluefields,	17/02/2016	30/09/2016	75,768.55	59,432.03	En Ejecución
8	Asociación para la sobrevivencia y el desarrollo local, Asodel	Promoviendo la participación ciudadana con periodismo investigativo desde la radio	Promover la participación ciudadana a través del seguimiento a la incidencia ciudadana en los presupuestos municipales, en la defensa de los derechos de las mujeres y en acciones comunitarias de adaptación al cambio climático en el programa radial Onda Local, en alianza con emisoras de cobertura en el departamento de Chontales y de la Costa Caribe Sur	Participación Ciudadana	Población en General	Nacional	02/05/2016	30/09/2016	18,545.00	13,376.00	En Ejecución

#	Organización	Nombre del Proyecto	Objetivo	Componente	Grupo Meta	Cobertura Geográfica	Fecha de Inicio	Fecha de Finalización	Monto Total US\$	Aporte USAID US\$	Estado
9	Fundación de mujeres de san miguelito, FUMSAMI	Redes ciudadanas de San Miguelito y El Almendro consolidando procesos de participación por una gestión local e incidencia ciudadana vista desde los derechos y la equidad.	Contribuir al incremento del protagonismo de las Redes Ciudadanas de San Miguelito y El Almendro, favoreciendo procesos de diálogo e interacción con sus Gobiernos Municipales y Delegaciones del Estado, de cara a la inclusión de sus demandas en la agenda pública local.	Participación Ciudadana	Redes Ciudadanas, con énfasis en Mujeres jóvenes y población LGTB	Municipios de San Miguelito y El Almendro	26/05/2016	30/09/2016	39,675.83	35,864.19	En Ejecución
10	Bluefields Indian Caribbean University, BICU	Promoviendo la buena gobernanza a través de la participación juvenil inclusiva y la articulación intersectorial en juventud		Participación Ciudadana	Jóvenes y adolescentes de Laguna de Perlas, Bluefields, El Rama y Corn Island	Bluefields, Laguna de Perlas, Corn Island y El Rama.	06/06/2016	30/09/2016	52,820.91	49,533.55	En Ejecución
11	Asociación para el progreso y desarrollo rural, Aproder	Articulación de esfuerzos entre organizaciones de base y sociedad civil para una gestión efectiva ante las autoridades municipales de Santo Domingo y San Pedro de Lóvago, del departamento de Chontales, y Muelle de los Bueyes de la RACCS	Contribuir al desarrollo de procesos de participación ciudadana en los Municipios de Muelle de los Bueyes, San Pedro de Lóvago y Santo Domingo, para aportar a la solución de las necesidades y problemáticas priorizadas por la ciudadanía organizada.	Participación Ciudadana	Comités de Desarrollo Municipal	Municipios de Muelle de los Bueyes, San Pedro de Lóvago y Santo Domingo.	13/06/2016	30/09/2016	39301.41	36,501.35	En Ejecución
12	Global Communities/ consultores locales	Fortalecimiento Organizacional a Organizaciones de Sociedad Civil mediante asistencia técnica para la mejora. (Tercera Fase)	Desarrollar un segundo proceso de asistencia técnica y capacitación con 3 OSC a fin de poder mejorar sus índices de desarrollo organizacional según la metodología ARC, para fortalecer la calidad y cobertura de sus servicios.	Desarrollo Organizacional	OSC socias implementadoras del Programa	Municipios de Río San Juan, Chontales, y RAAS	01/11/2015	30/09/2016	155,149.00	155,149.00	En Ejecución
13	Centro Humbolt	Facilitando posicionamiento y metodologías ante el cambio climático en la rasc	Aumentar la capacidad de recuperación de las personas y los recursos naturales en la Región del Caribe Sur de Nicaragua ante los impactos de largo plazo del cambio climático mediante la promoción de la participación de los grupos vulnerables de la población en los procesos de adaptación.	Cambio Climático	Población en general que vive en zonas de alta vulnerabilidad a los cambios climáticos.	Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur (RACCS): Bluefields	17/11/2014	20/09/2016	97,260.00	80,000.00	En Ejecución
14	blue Energy	Iniciativa familias y comunidades preparadas ante el cambio climático*	Aumentar la capacidad de recuperación de las personas y los recursos naturales en la Región del Caribe Sur de Nicaragua ante los impactos de largo plazo del cambio climático mediante la promoción de la participación de los grupos vulnerables de la población en los procesos de adaptación.	Cambio Climático	Población en general que vive en zonas de alta vulnerabilidad a los cambios climáticos.	Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur (RACCS): Bluefields y Laguna de Perlas	17/11/2014	20/09/2016	382,012.00	320,000.00	En Ejecución
15	Bluefields Indian Caribbean University, BICU	Formación a líderes comunitarios y profesionales de los pueblos indígenas y afro-descendientes para la adaptación ante el cambio climático	Incrementar el conocimiento de líderes comunitarios y profesionales tomadores de decisión en la Costa Caribe Sur de Nicaragua, que inciden en el desarrollo de las políticas públicas, en el área de medio ambiente y cambio climático, mediante la formación académica y desarrollo de investigaciones.	Cambio Climático	Líderes comunitarios y profesionales tomadores de decisión	Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur (RACCS): Bluefields y Laguna de Perlas	19/01/2015	20/09/2016	80,090.00	70,000.00	En Ejecución
									1,582,585.74	1,257,186.67	

## Annex 2: Logical Framework Indicator Report

Indicadores de Desempeño  
Quarter III 2016

Indicator	LOP	Years			Year 6															Explanation
		2011- 2015			Quarter I			Quarter II			Quarter III			Quarter IV			Accrued			
		Target	Acco mplis hed	%	Target	Acco mplis hed	%	Target	Acco mplis hed	%	Target	Acco mplis hed	%	Target	Acco mplis hed	%	Target	Acco mplis hed	%	
O1: Promote the exercise of rights and responsibilities by citizens in local governance and development																				
Indicator 1.2	218	211	277	131%	5	43	860%	20	4	20%	20	3	15%	15			60	50	83%	Incluye la presentación de las demandas de la Red de Mujeres Afro a autoridades regionales y de tres municipios de la Región Autónoma de la Costa Caribe Sur y la participación de los miebrs de AMJOLU/MDS en sesiones con los Concejos Municipales de Bluefields y Rama, en las que presentaron un video corto mostrando avances y limitaciones de la comunidad LGTBI para acceder a sus derechos ciudadanos, en un esfuerzo por sensibilizar y alfabetizar a concejales en materia de diversidad sexual y derechos humanos.
Number of Local Mechanisms Supported with USG Assistance for Citizens to Engage their Sub-national Government.																				
R1.2. Citizens have the understanding and tools necessary to exercise their right to active participation.																				
Indicator 1.2.1 (2.4.1-6)	3508	3724	5205	140%		124					100	93	93%	100			200	217	109%	
Number of people who have completed civic education programs.																				
• Number of men		1862	1927	103%		25					50	44	88%	50			100	69	69%	
• Number of women.		1862	3278	176%		99					50	49	98%	50			100	148	148%	
R1.3 Advocacy and citizen participation activities promoted.																				
Indicator 1.3.1. (2.4.1-2)	124	256	275	107%	6	5	83%	6	2	33%	6	10	167%	6			24	17	71%	Incluye a las siguientes OSC: Centro de Información y Servicios de Asesoría en Salud, CISAS; Asociación Pro-Bienestar de la Familia Nicaragüense, PROFAMILIA Salud sin Límites en alianza con Asociación de Mujeres Nidia White; Movimiento Cívico de Juventudes de Fundación Déjame Intentarlo, FDI; TECHO-Nicaragua Consorcio FADESSAN (La Cuculmeca, AVODEC y Fundación Odorico D´Andrea); Asociación para la sobrevivencia y el Desarrollo Local, ASODEL; Centro de Estudios y Promoción Social, CEPS; Red de Emprendedores Juveniles de Bluefields, REJUB y APRODER
Number of civil society organizations using USG assistance to promote civic participation.																				
Indicator 1.3.3.	172	237	486	205%	50	263	526%										50	263	526%	
Number of initiatives presented by citizens and CSOs to local governments.																				
Indicator 1.3.4.	34%	30	40	135%				30%	46.7%	156%							30%	47%	156%	
Number of citizen requests that are included in municipal budgets.																				

Indicator	LOP	Years			Year 6															Explanation
		2011- 2015			Quarter I			Quarter II			Quarter III			Quarter IV			Accrued			
		Target	Acco	%	Target	Acco	%	Target	Acco	%	Target	Acco	%	Target	Acco	%	Target	Acco	%	
O2: Strengthen the management capacities of CSOs to empower citizens.																				
Indicator 2.1.	10	13	4	31%										13			13			
Number of CSOs that improve their organizational capacity by at least 20%.																				
R2.1 CSO have been institutionally strengthened																				
Indicator 2.1.1. (2.4.1-1)	75	115	121	105%							26	24	92%				26	24	92%	Las acciones de fortalecimiento incluyeron diferentes acciones entre las que destaca la acciones de asistencia técnica para el diseño de campañas de comunicación, considerado un elemento clave para la proyección de las OSC
Number of Civil Society Organizations using USG Assistance to Improve Internal Organizational Capacity.																				
Indicator 2.1.2.	430	550	688	125%							156	166	106%				156	166	106%	Las temáticas de capacitación incluyeron: liderazgo y género, construcción de agendas de incidencia, talento humano y comunicación para la incidencia.
Number of CSO representatives trained under organizational strengthening activities.																				
• Number of men		240	298	124%							78	70	90%				78	70	90%	
• Number of women.		310	390	126%							78	96	123%				78	96	123%	
O3. To increase citizen awareness of and demand for fiscal transparency in Nicaragua and to support citizen dialogue with local and national budget policy decision makers.																				
R3.1. CSOs, journalists and citizens are knowledgeable about and advocating for fiscal transparency.																				
Indicator 3.1.1. (2.4.1-9)	10	24	16	67%		6		6	0	0	10	12	120%	6			22	18	82%	Incluye las 10 organizaciones que están recibiendo Capacitación y Asistencia Técnica en el marco del proyecto de Transparencia fiscal III y 2 más que han firmado convenios de donación para promover acciones de incidencia a nivel local.
*Number of CSOs receiving USG assistance engaged in advocacy interventions.																				
• Local Level						5		6	0	0	4	6	150%	6			16	11	69%	
• National Level						1					6	6	100%				6	7	117%	
Indicator 4.2.	5	5	5	100%							10	10	100%				10	10	100%	Incluye a las 10 organizaciones que están realizando análisis y seguimiento al Presupuesto General de la República del 2016 y a los presupuestos municipales de Bluefields, Muelle de los Bueyes, Ciudad Sandino y Chinandega.
Number of CSOs receiving program support that monitor public resources.																				
Indicator 4.2.3. (2.2.4-5)	45	45	50	111%							50	93	186%				50	93	186%	
Number of people affiliated with non-governmental organizations receiving USG-supported anti-corruption training																				

Indicator	LOP	Years			Year 6															Explanation
		2011- 2015			Quarter I			Quarter II			Quarter III			Quarter IV			Accrued			
		Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoom	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	
O.4 To increase the resilience of the people and natural resources in the Caribbean region of Nicaragua to the long-term impacts of climate change by promoting the participation of vulnerable populations in the adaptation planning process																				
R 4.1 Indigenous and afro-descendent communities have increased knowledge and tools to engage and participate in the local adaptation planning processes																				
Indicator (4.8.2-26)	9	0	0	0							12	15	125%				12	15	125%	Incluye a los actores que trabajaron en Bluefields y Laguna de Perlas en la formulación de sus planes de adaptación ante el cambio climático tento a nivel comunitario como a nivel municipal.
Number of stakeholders with increased capacity to adapt to the impacts of climate changes as a result of USG assistance																				
R4.2 Strengthened coordination, advocacy, citizen participation and dialogue between communities and communal/municipal/regional governments																				
Indicator (4.8.2-26)	10	10	15	150%							12	5	42%				12	5	42%	Corresponde a los actores que trabajaron el los planes comunitarios de Laguna de Perlas: Organización de Pescadores, Organización Protectora de la tortuga, Gobierno Comunal, Gobierno Territorial y Gabinetes de la Familia.
Number of stakaholder participating in the formulation of climate change adaptation plan as a result of USG assitance																				
Number of men	50	50	114	228%								15						15		
Number of women	50	50	262	524%								29						29		
Number of ethnic group	2	2	6	300%								4						4		
Number of Municipalities	2	2	2	100%								1						1		
Crosscutting indicators																				
Indicator (2.4.1-3)	19	19	17	89%	1	1	100%	2	1	50%	1	2	200%	1			5	4	80%	Corresponde a la campaña de la Red de Mujeres Afro, bajo el lema “ Afro descendants: Recognition, Justice and Development ” la organización hizo publica la campaña con productos gráficos, spot televisivos y radiales. La otra campaña es la de los grupos LGTBI "Todos somos Iguales".
Number of CSO Advocacy Campaigns Supported by USG.					1	1	100%	1	1	100%	1	2	200%	1			4	4	100%	
MGP								1									1			
IEEPP								1												
Indicator (2.4.2-8)	33	33	52	158%		1		2	1	50%	2	1	50%				4	3	75%	Se realización capacitación a periodistas sobre los derechos humanos fundamentales de la comunidad LGBT
* Number of training days provided to journalists with USG assistance, measured by person-days of training.																				
MGP	19	21	38	181%				2	1	50%	2	1	50%				4	2	50%	
IEEPP	14	12	14	117%																
• Number of men		127	120	94%																
• Number of men MGP		70	104	149%		13		8	3	38%	8	12	150%				16	28	175%	
• Number of men IEEPP		57	16	28%																
• Number of women.		121	109	90%																
• Number of women. MGP		70	85	121%		12		8	5	63%	8	8	100%				16	25	156%	
• Number of women. IEEPP		51	24	47%																

Indicator	LOP	Years			Year 6															Explanation
		2011- 2015			Quarter I			Quarter II			Quarter III			Quarter IV			Accrued			
		Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	Target	Acoo	%	
Crosscutting indicators																				
Indicator (2.2.4-4)	207	114	99	87%		15		14	7	50%	8	2	25%	8			30	24	80%	Corresponed a las sesiones de los miembros de organizaciones de personas con discapacidad con personal de las alcaldías de Bluefields y Corn Islan para demandar información sobre las inversiones realizadas en ambos municipios para apoyar a personas con discapacidad.
Number of mechanisms for external oversight of public resource use supported by USG assistance																				
MGP	199	105	90	86%		14		8	5	63%	8	2	25%	8			24	21	88%	
IEEPP	8	9	9	100%		1		6	2	33%							6	3	50%	
Indicator 2.4.1-11	10	10	10	100%	4	4	100%	3	2	67%	3	3	100%				10	9	90%	Incluye a FUMSAMI y ASODEL , trabajando con mujeres y jóvenes y BICU con jóvenes.
Number of USG-funded organizations representing marginalized constituencies trying to affect government policy or conducting government oversight.																				
Indicator	5	5	6	120%				5	4	80%		9					5	13	260%	Incluye a las organizaciones que están trabajando en seguimiento a la ejecución tanto del Presupuesto General de la República como de los presupuestos municipales.
Number of CSOs strengthened to promote policy dialogue, advocate for change, and/or serve as watchdogs on key issues.																				

## Annex 3: MGP Trainet Report

## Programs Grouped by Activity with Funding

Report Parameters:

Activity: CHF International

Strategic Objective: SO1: MORE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, COMPROMISE AND TRANSPARENCY

Site: CHF International - Nicaragua

Start Date After: 03/31/2016

End Date Before: 07/01/2016

Program Status: Completed

Location: In Country

Training Program	Location	Start Date	End Date	Males	Females	Total Trainees	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference
Activity: CHF International									
Fortalecimiento Organizacional	IC	04/02/2016	06/30/2016	57	77	134	\$ 21,002	\$ 21,002	\$ 0
Comunicacion para la Incidencia	IC	05/11/2016	06/30/2016	13	19	32	\$ 30,647	\$ 30,647	\$ 0
Planificación Estratégica	IC	06/23/2016	06/24/2016	7	7	14	\$ 2,435	\$ 2,435	\$ 0
Identidad Sexual y Genero	IC	04/29/2016	06/21/2016	39	25	64	\$ 1,644	\$ 1,644	\$ 0
Adaptación al Cambio Climático	IC	04/14/2016	06/03/2016	27	29	56	\$ 5,171	\$ 5,171	\$ 0
Transparencia Fiscal Seguimiento	IC	05/23/2016	06/30/2016	44	49	93	\$ 10,112	\$ 10,112	\$ 0
Orientación y Movilidad. Uso y Manejo del	IC	04/07/2016	05/31/2016	13	7	20	\$ 4,828	\$ 4,828	\$ 0
Totals for Activity:				200	213	413	\$ 75,839	\$ 75,839	\$ 0
Totals for Report:				200	213	413	\$ 75,839	\$ 75,839	\$ 0



## Annex 4: MGP Cost Share Report

### Comprehensive Cost Share Report for Nicaragua, MGP

Dates of Program: From 04/01/2016 through 06/30/2016  
Fiscal Year Covered by This Report: FY 2016

#### In Kind Match Summary (GAAP & Non-GAAP, Field Office & HQ)

Prepared By:

Project Name:

Cost Center Number

Agreement Number

**Total In Kind/match obligation per Cooperative Agreement**

Total Non-GAAP match achieved in Field including the current period

Total GAAP match achieved (HQ & Field) including the current period

Total GAAP & Non-GAAP achieved (HQ & Field) including the current period

**Total in kind/ match obligation remaining**

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#### ----- This portion for Non-GAAP Match Achieved in the Field Only -----

	Donation Type	Amount	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
A	Donated Equipment, materials and other tangible items	-	-	-	-	-
B	Donated use of equipment, materials and other tangible items	3,613	1,404	500	1,709	-
C	Donated use of facilities	18,955	0,868	4,351	3,735	-
D	Donated Land	-	-	-	-	-
E	Donated use of land	-	-	-	-	-
F	Donations of unskilled labor to Global Communities, to a Global Communities project/partner, or to Global Communities beneficiaries	14,777	1,421	3,222	135	-
G	Donations of skilled labor to Global Communities partners	74,183	4,124	20,323	29,736	-
<b>Total In Kind Match in FY16 (Field)</b>		<b>111,527</b>	<b>47,816</b>	<b>28,395</b>	<b>35,315.58</b>	<b>-</b>

## Annex 5: MGP Accruals

GLOBAL COMMUNITIES NICARAGUA  
CA N° AID-524-10-00006  
3rd QUARTERLY BUDGET EXECUTED EXPENDITURES  
FY 2016  
U.S. DOLLARS

Nro.	Line Item	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	g	h			i	j	k	l=b+c+d+e+f+g+h+i+j+k	m = l/a	n = a-l
		Total Approved Budget	Total Expenditure FY 2011	Total Expenditure FY 2012	Total Expenditure FY 2013	Total Expenditure FY 2014	Total Expenditure FY 2015	Q1 FY 2016	Q2 FY 2016	Executed Q3			Q3 FY 2016	Q4 FY 2016	Total Expenditure FY 2016	Accumulated Expenditures through 09/30/2016	Percentage of Execution	Remaining Balance in Relation with the Approved Budget
										Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16						
1	Personnel	3,347,571	488,695	621,373	612,524	503,168	569,082	141,895	136,268	59,651	53,155	50,413	163,218	162,416	603,798	3,398,641	101.53%	(51,070)
2	Fringe Benefits and Allowances	1,728,252	282,880	271,424	282,894	262,783	286,887	55,963	73,561	29,059	39,180	23,301	91,540	90,397	311,461	1,698,328	98.27%	29,924
3	Consultants	301,108	64,225	35,417	78,974	9,839	11,112	-	60	1,634	993	1,160	3,787	6,150	9,997	209,564	69.60%	91,544
4	Travel & Per Diem	384,293	78,827	73,557	52,772	49,707	46,352	7,504	15,035	4,060	5,360	6,206	15,626	23,614	61,780	362,994	94.46%	21,299
5	Equipment & Supplies	295,000	212,804	37,537	18,235	10,432	11,758	2,330	4,141	-	-	-	-	20,496	26,967	317,733	107.71%	(22,733)
6	Contracts and Subawards	15,724,112	1,373,557	2,654,732	1,348,215	978,745	922,927	195,455	128,469	105,748	89,090	90,720	285,558	647,952	1,257,433	8,535,609	54.28%	7,188,503
7	Program Costs- Direct Implementation	277,985	28,713	45,636	82,301	36,029	46,213	24,240	28,536	9,929	15,056	9,496	34,480	38,000	125,256	364,149	131.00%	(86,164)
8	Other Operating Costs	868,150	148,964	139,555	131,336	150,839	139,875	40,457	54,383	6,716	9,127	9,707	25,551	48,396	168,787	879,355	101.29%	(11,206)
9	Indirect Charges Per NICRA	3,073,292	349,839	554,302	383,699	263,433	400,434	62,979	77,128	31,690	33,140	31,273	96,104	178,399	414,609	2,366,317	77.00%	706,975
	TOTAL COSTS	25,999,763	3,028,504	4,433,533	2,990,950	2,264,976	2,434,641	530,823	517,581	248,487	245,101	222,276	715,864	1,215,819	2,980,086	18,132,690	69.74%	7,867,073

**Annex 6: MGP Alliances**

<b>MGP PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES</b>	
<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>ADVANCES</b>
FDI - DEXIS	Se mantiene un intercambio básico de información.
Technoserve	Se mantiene la colaboración de apoyo al CDM de Muelle de los Bueyes para impulsar la Política de Desarrollo Económico Local.
FADCANIC	Se continúa coordinando con los programas de Mass Media y Eduéxito – Se han impulsado acciones en conjunto y se coincide en la MCJ.
UNIRSE	Impulsó un intercambio de experiencias entre líderes comunitarios de Corn Island y actores de Ometepe. Ha sido incorporado en la propuesta de extensión del Programa. Está previsto comenzar un proyecto que será parte de la 2da fase del Componente Ciudadanía Preparada ante el Cambio Climático.
CIG	Sigue brindando un valor agregado para el análisis del contexto, para promover el tema, intercambiar sobre lo que se está debatiendo.
Catholics for the Right to Choose	Está participando activamente en el funcionamiento del sitio Voces contra la Violencia.
NDI	Se mantiene el intercambio de información y están participando en el grupo promotor del sitio web de Presupuesto Municipales Abiertos. Global Communities colabora en el desarrollo de los diplomados – compartiendo experiencias de incidencia ciudadana.
Red Local	Forman parte del grupo promotor del sitio web de Presupuesto Municipales Abiertos.
UNFPA	Participan en la Mesa de Concertación de Juventudes y estamos trabajando conjuntamente en posicionar el estudio de Voces del Sur, que aborda el tema del estado de las juventudes de la RACCS.
Guegue	Empresa desarrolladora de Software con quien se sigue trabajando en el sitio web <i>Presupuestos Municipales Abiertos</i> y se explora nuevas iniciativas.
Trocaire	Estamos organizando un evento nacional de intercambio sobre “Prácticas comunitarias de seguimiento a los recursos públicos” previsto para agosto de 2016.
AVINA / INCAE	Se está desarrollando un diálogo exploratorio para ver posibilidad de trabajar en alianza para aplicar el Índice de Progreso Social (IPS) en algunos de los municipios donde colabora el Programa de Gobernabilidad Local
ICCO	Se ha concertado explorar el apoyo a una cooperativa de Muelle de los Bueyes como una forma de impulsar la Política de Desarrollo Económico Local de este municipio.
IREX	Se comparte información general y en particular sobre el apoyo al Programa Café con Voz.
Fundación Violeta Barrios	Existe acuerdo de impulsar el sitio “Derecho a preguntar” creado por la Fundación, a fin de promover su uso. MGP comparte información general y en particular sobre el apoyo al Programa Café con Voz.